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[Inclosure—Translation.]

Proclamation from the royal Norwegian Governments, department of justice, and police.

DECEMBER 3, 1900.

A royal proclamation was made to-day as follows:

"It is hereby proclaimed that, in accordance with paragraph 2 in law of July 12, 1848, relating to quarantine, the city of Kobe, in Japan, shall, until further notice, be considered infected with the oriental plague, and the quarantine regulations laid down in said law and in circular of October 13, this year, as regard plague, etc., are to take effect at once.

"At the same time it is brought to public notice that the city of Glasgow, the city of Smyrna, in Asia, New Caledonia, and the city of Sydney, in Australia, and the ports in Paraguay, which, by proclamation of March 10, April 18, July 17, and September 1, this year, were declared infected with the plague, shall not any longer be considered as infected with the plague.

"With which all concerned respectfully have to comply.

"Which is hereby brought to public notice, while it must be remembered that, according to prior proclamations of February 1, 1897, June 27, and August 22, 1899, and March 10, April 18, May 23, and July 17, 1900, Arabia, Persia, India, China, Manila, Formosa, the city of Osaka, in Japan; the ports in Egypt, Mauritius, the city of Rio Janeiro, in Brazil; the Sandwich Islands, and the city of Melbourne, in Australia, shall until further notice be considered infected with the oriental plague."

A number of copies of this proclamation are inclosed.

CHRISTIANIA, *November 29, 1900.*

A. QVAM.

GEORG JOHANNESSEN.

PORTO RICO.

*Report from Ponce—Summary of work during November, 1900.*PONCE, P. R., *December 10, 1900.*

SIR: Through chief quarantine officer of Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the regular quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended December 8, 1900. Together with the monthly summary of work of the station and the report of mortality of Ponce for November, 1900. Five vessels were inspected and passed and 6 bills of health were issued during the week. The mortality report shows 100 less deaths than the previous month, and at this rate it will soon drop to normal. The principal causes of the decrease are the exhaustion of much of the material, the return to the interior for the coffee harvest of many people who had gathered in the city, and the work of the several charity organizations which have relieved a great deal of suffering.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

*Summary of transactions of service during the month of November, 1900.*PONCE, P. R., *December 10, 1900.*

Total number of deaths reported during November, 1900 (a)	270
Total number of deaths reported during November, 1899 (a)	287
Total number of births reported during November, 1900 (a)	115
Total number of births reported during November, 1899 (a)	97
Total number of vessels inspected during November, 1900	20
Total number of vessels inspected during November, 1899	21
Number of bills of health issued during November, 1900	19
Number of bills of health issued during November, 1899	21
Number of vessels in quarantine during November, 1900	4

a These figures are for the city proper, the plays, and surrounding district of Ponce.

Summary of transactions of service during the month of November, 1900—Continued.

Number of passengers inspected during November, 1900 (incoming)	95
Number of passengers inspected during November, 1900 (in transit).....	115
Number of crew inspected during November, 1900.....	734
Number of immigrants inspected during November, 1900.....	16
Rejections.....	0

Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) during the month of November, 1900.

Diseases of the digestive apparatus.....	103	Septicæmia	2
Diseases of the respiratory system.....	7	Syphilis	1
Diseases of the circulatory system.....	5	Typhoid fever.....	1
Diseases of the nervous system	12	Metro peritonitis.....	4
Malnutrition, anæmia, inanition	97	Old age.....	3
Tuberculosis	15	Poisoning	1
Malaria.....	8	Traumatic shock.....	1
Dysentery (not epidemic).....	5		
Gangrene.....	1	Total.....	270
Tetanus infantile.....	4		

Inspection of immigrants at Ponce during the week ended December 8, 1900.

PONCE, P. R., December 10, 1900.

SIR: Through chief quarantine officer of Porto Rico I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended December 8, 1900: December 5, French steamship *Salvador*, from Fort de France, St. Pierre, Pointe a Pitre, Basse Terre, and St. Thomas, with 4 immigrants.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection of immigrants at San Juan during the week ended December 8, 1900.

SAN JUAN, P. R., December 11, 1900.

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended December 8, 1900: December 5, French steamship *St. Simon*, from Havre, Bordeaux, St. Thomas, with 5 immigrants.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer of Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

SPAIN.

Trichinosis in Murcia.

CARTHAGENA, SPAIN, December 3, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you of a rather serious outbreak of trichinosis, occurring during the last two weeks at Murcia, the capital of this province. There have been and still are some 200 cases, of which 5 or 6 have ended fatally. I hear of no authentic case in this city, nor anywhere outside of Murcia. The greatest vigilance is now employed in the microscopical examination of hog meat, and I think it unlikely